

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1, to: Methods for Screening Using CTGF and TrkA Receptors for Identification of Compounds for Use in Treatment of Fibrosis.

Please add the following Abstract at page 34:

ABSTRACT

The invention provides a method for identifying and/or making compounds for use in reducing and/or preventing fibrosis, comprising the steps: providing a CTGF receptor; providing a test sample; providing a CTGF receptor agonist; exposing the CTGF receptor to the test sample; subsequently or simultaneously exposing the CTGF receptor to the CTGF receptor agonist; detecting and/or measuring the amount of CTGF receptor activation; comparing the amount of CTGF receptor activation detected and/or measured in the presence of the test sample with the amount of CTGF receptor activation detected and/or measured in the absence of a test sample; determining if a compound reduces and/or prevents fibrosis on the basis that it causes no increase or a decrease in CTGF receptor activation. There is also provided compounds for reducing and/or preventing fibrosis and uses of such compounds.